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TRANSFER KICKER LIVES UP TO BIG EXPECTATIONS. **READ PAGE B1**

Newsbriefs

pulls TV ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — Political realities, not presidential

candidate John Kerry has canceled plans to begin broadcasting television commercials

Arizona, Arkansas, and the perennial subject of debate campaign, with some advertising in national swing state.

vaccine to meningitis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health advisers said they were with the safety and effectiveness of a longer-acting vaccine against meningitis, which is deadly among healthy teenagers and adults. The vaccine is called Menactra and is made by Aventis. It protects against the W-135 strains of meningitis that cause meningitis. The vaccine, approved for people 11 and older, still needs approval from the FDA. The FDA follows its recommendations and is bound by them.

hinders

oil prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil prices surged Wednesday after barrel Wednesday production and disruptions caused by Hurricane Ivan caused supplies to shrink and prices to rise. The domestic supply of oil is expected to dissipate, and the underlying global oil markets and that is why prices are soaring all year. Oil prices are more expensive than they have been in years. Output problems in Iraq and other key oil nations.

es dropped detainee

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A spy on Wednesday was charged with espionage charge against a Muslim interpreter spying at the camp detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Development marks Guantanamo spy case. In exchange for this year, despite attorney General Gonzales and military prosecutors the nation's

charge against Senior Ahmad Al Halabi was in exchange for his to four "minor" offenses, said defense attorney Ronald Rehkopf Jr.

Regents approve residence hall demolition

By ABBY SIMONS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Northwest Board of Regents on Tuesday unanimously approved Phase II of the Residential Life Master Plan, setting the stage for the spring demolition of Hudson and Perrin halls and the subsequent construction of new freshman suites.

The second phase is part of a larger overall process—beginning with the construction of the now-completed Tower Suites and Forest Village Apartments—that will,

over the next five years, include the demolition of the high rise residence halls and continuing construction of more modern living facilities.

Demolition of Hudson and Perrin halls will begin next March, followed immediately by construction. Phase II is slated for completion by April 2007.

In a competitive recruiting atmosphere, the \$28 million project will be an asset to Northwest, hopefully increasing enrollment among freshmen at the University, according to Kent Porterfield, vice

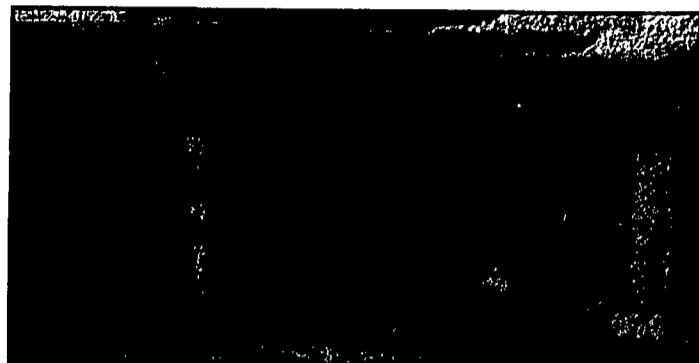
president of Student Affairs.

"Every renovation in the past was designed for upper division students, but this is the first project designed entirely for freshmen," Porterfield said. "I think that could be really positive for us, in that we'll be able to show new facilities with more privacy, space and amenities that students want to see."

Such amenities are similar to those included within the Tower Suites, namely furnished rooms, individual temperature controls, computers, a study and commons and semiprivate restrooms.

The decision to move forward with the project involved little question, Regent Rollie Stadlman said. Planned features for the new housing are not only a direct result of student input, he said, but will hopefully aid the project in paying for itself over a brief period of time through room and board costs.

"This was not a decision made lightly because going into debt \$28 million isn't something we relish, but we feel it all will take care of itself," Stadlman said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

An artist's rendering of the facilities set to replace Hudson and Perrin halls bears similarity to the Tower Suites. The residence halls are set for completion in July 2007.

GREEKS PLAY NUMBER GAME



Current Greek numbers

sorority rush

■ 174 applicants
■ 140 joined
— up 25 from last year

fraternity rush

■ 120 applicants
■ 90 joined
— down 40 from last year

After decades of prevalence on campus; Greeks concerned over lag in membership

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
MANAGING EDITOR

J.J. Matousek was just one of many who heard the rumor that the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was in danger of losing their charter and house to a lack of members.

But one thing separated Matousek from the rest; he is the president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, giving him the inside edge on the truth of the situation.

According to Matousek and Mark Pederson, Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni, despite the growing rumor, the fraternity is not going to lose their charter.

"You can run a chapter with

only five people, so that's not even really a concern," Pederson said. "As long as you comply with rules and regulations and pay dues you can remain in operation."

Although Sigma Phi Epsilon is in the clear for the time being, the low amount of members is still a concern. But they are not the only Greek organization with this problem.

Phi Delta Theta fraternity as well as Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority were also among those who have expressed concern.

According to Jeff Hagan, Phi Delta Theta President, there was half the number of men who signed applications for recruit-

ment compared to last fall. "There are trends in everything," said Hagan. "The numbers have been getting lower nationally for awhile but it just hit Northwest in the last two years."

Hagan said his fraternity is trying to combat these low numbers by giving those interested in joining information about the fraternity through postcards, posters and other methods.

According to Lindsay Niemeyer, Panhellenic Executive Council president, sororities also believed it was necessary to improve their

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Baldrige judges to revisit University

Administrators hope to win national honor

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Holed up deep within Northwest President Dean Hubbard's office, Paul Klute spends his days with one book-er close by: the 2004 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award application.

For the second consecutive year, Klute, application coordinator and former Student Regent, helped produce the 50-page application.

And for the second consecutive year, Baldrige Award site judges will come to Northwest. Friday afternoon, Northwest administrators were notified that they had been chosen as a finalist for the award, which is given to institutions of education, as well as business and manufacturing companies.

Since receiving the feedback from last year's application and visit in December, Klute and a team of seven category leaders began working on the 2004 application in January.

This year, Klute said, the goal is simple: win the award.

"Last year, there was a lot of disappointment throughout the University, not just on a personal basis," Klute said. "I think there are a lot of people who would like to see us win the award, just because we've put a lot of time into it."

From now until Oct. 25, when the site judges arrive, Klute said category leaders will prepare for possible questions asked by judges. However, Klute said the entire campus needs to be ready for the visit.

"The most important thing is to make the staff aware that these individuals are going to be

around," Klute said. "Not necessarily having the staff change what they do, but just be aware that they could be questioned."

The seven-category application ranges from leadership to process management to organizational performance results. But for David Oehler, director of assessment, information and analysis, the challenge is to fit everything into 50 pages.

"In 50 pages, you can't put everything in," said Oehler, category leader for measurement, analysis and knowledge management and organizational performance results. "Those are some of the editorial things we can do."

One thing category leaders also do, Oehler said, is submit changes that can be implemented later in the year. When the application was due in May, some changes were quickly put in place, while other changes took 2-3 months, Oehler said.

To further educate new faculty, Quality Workshops were conducted during the first week of classes. The seven step planning process that the University uses had not been taught to the new faculty, Klute said.

"What we were trying to do with those workshops was show the relationship between the Baldrige and the seven step planning process, and how that can be used at an individual level, and at a partner-level, and a University level," Klute said.

As the site visit is less than five weeks away, Oehler said regardless of what the outcome is, the University will benefit in the long run.

"The main reason we do it is it gives us direction, and it provides feedback," Oehler said. "That's the most important thing. We hope we win. But even when we win, we're not going to stop doing what we do."

Health insurance premiums rise again

By JARED HOFFMANN
CHIEF REPORTER

Employees receiving medical coverage may need to tap into their bank accounts as health insurance premiums are once again on the rise.

The Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research and Educational Trust are organizations based in Washington, D.C. which generate annual reports on healthcare statistics.

According to their latest study, health insurance premiums have increased 11.2 percent over the past year. Although that percentage is down from a 13.9 percent increase in 2003, it marks the fourth straight year of double-digit increases.

Coinciding with the increase in health insurance premiums is a nationwide decline in the percentage of employers who offer health coverage plans, sliding from 65 percent in 2001 to 61 percent in 2004. Due to that decline, the study estimates that there are currently 5 million fewer jobs offering health insurance than there were in 2001.

According to KFF President and CEO Drew Altman, the two organizations have collaborated on health insurance research for the past six years. Altman said that teamwork allows them to generate accurate results year after year.

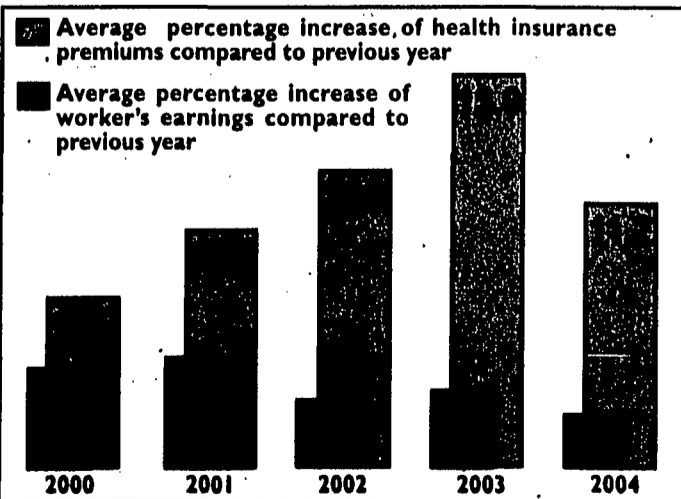
"We're able to reliably track changes and trends over a period of time," Altman said. "A lot of the work is done by two research teams made up of some amazing people."

HRET President Mary Pittman spoke about the importance and effectiveness of this study at a press conference on Sept. 9.

"The cost and accessibility of healthcare significantly impacts how each of us personally manages our own health," Pittman said. "We've been looking at uninsured statistics for a long time and watching the number of uninsured and under-insured and those without coverage grow."

The study shows that the average annual rate for employer-sponsored health care plans rose to \$3,695 for single coverage and \$9,950 for family coverage plans. Most employees opted for Preferred Provider

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION

For the fourth consecutive year, health insurance premiums have had double-digit percentage increases compared to the previous year. Also, the percentage of employers that offer health care coverage has declined since last year.

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Web Extras:

Review of Sky Captain and The World of Tomorrow, the new Green Day album "American Idiot," and read an interview with Neurotically Yours creator Jonathan Ian Mathers.

Last Week's Results:

How will Whitney Scott fare at ESPN's Dream Job?	
39%	She's final four bound.
33%	Whitney who?
17%	She's a lock to win it all.
11%	OVER-RATED!

Online poll:

What political speaker would you like to see at Northwest?

a. Sean Hannity
b. Al Franken
c. Bill O'Reilly
d. Bill Maher

National News

Man pleads guilty to murder to avoid possible death penalty

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP)—A man accused of killing two of his daughter's friends, then hiding their bodies on his property pleaded guilty Wednesday to murder charges and received two life sentences in prison.

Ward Weaver, 41, avoided the death penalty by pleading guilty in the 2002 deaths of the girls, classmates and friends who disappeared within two months of each other. In total, he pleaded guilty Wednesday to 17 counts, including rape, sex abuse and abuse of a corpse.

Speaking in a hoarse whisper, hunched over and looking mainly down, Weaver told the judge he had come to court on "medications" but agreed that the plea agreement was a product of his "own free will." It was not clear what the medications were for.

Weaver, whose modest rental home was just steps from the school bus stop where Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis were last seen, quickly became a focus of the investigation. He responded by inviting television crews into his home to film him proclaiming his innocence, giving interviews on top of the concrete slab in his back yard

under which investigators later found the body of 12-year-old Ashley, who disappeared in January 2002.

Weaver was arrested on Aug. 13, 2002, after his son's girlfriend ran from his home; naked except for a tarp, screaming that he had tried to rape her.

After that arrest, FBI investigators cordoned off his back yard and searched for the girls' bodies. They found Ashley's in a barrel under the concrete slab. The body of 13-year-old Miranda was in a box in Weaver's tool shed.

On Wednesday, as Weaver pleaded guilty on each charge, the mothers of the two girls wept in court.

Lori Pond, Ashley's mother, broke down in tears as she addressed Weaver, who did not make eye contact with her.

"I know I have the memory of my daughter for the rest of my life. That cannot ever be taken away," Pond said. "I just know that I am going to live, continue on. I may have to do this without my daughter, but I have other children I need to be strong for."

Weaver's father, also named Ward Weaver, is on death row in California after he was convicted of killing a woman and burying her body in his back yard beneath concrete.



BOB ELLIS/AP PHOTO
Ward Weaver is escorted into the Clackamas County Courtroom of judge Robert Herndon, Wednesday, in Oregon City, Ore. Weaver, 41, accused of killing Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis, then hiding their bodies on his property pleaded guilty.

Missouri News

Vice President Cheney speaks in St. Joseph

Vice President Dick Cheney will address Missouri residents today at 2:45 p.m. at the Civic Center in St. Joseph, Mo.

The announcement of Cheney's visit came Sunday after over a week of speculation but no

confirmation from the White House.

The last presidential campaign visit to St. Joseph came in 1992 when Tipper Gore, wife of then vice-presidential candidate Al Gore, spoke on the lawn of the Buchanan County Courthouse.



Dick Cheney
J. SCOTT APPLER

People in the News

American Idol finalist to combat

ATLANTA (AP) — "American Idol" finalist Diana DeGarmo is available for lunch.

Proceeds from an auction for the lunch will go to the Partnership Against Child Abuse, a program of the Children's Advocacy Center based in Huntsville, Ala. The auction is being held on the Web site eBay.

The 17-year-old from Snellville was the runner-up to Fantasia



Diana DeGarmo
KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/AP PHOTO

Barrino, who now goes by Fantasia, in the popular Fox television singing competi-

tion. DeGarmo has been touring other "Idol" shows and she has a new length CD the end of the year.

The lunch will be held in Louisville or New York. DeGarmo is expected to make an appearance on the dining room table, but she'll make an effort to work the auction when the time comes. Bidding ends

International News

Death toll rises to more than 700 in Haiti; thousands homeless

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP)—U.N. peacekeepers fired into the air to keep a hungry crowd at bay Wednesday as aid workers handed out bread, the first food in days for some in this city devastated by floods that have killed more than 700 people in Haiti.

Jeanne, the storm that caused the destruction in Haiti and has since regained hurricane strength over the open Atlantic this week, could head back toward the Bahamas and the United States, threatening the storm-battered southeast coast as early as this weekend, forecasters said Wednesday.

More than 1,000 people have been declared missing in Haiti. The northern city of Gonaives was the hardest hit in the country with some 600 dead.

More than 200 people lined up along a fence around Gonaives Roman Catholic cathedral Wednesday as CARE aid workers began passing bread through a gate in the fence. As the line disintegrated and the pressing crowd threatened to bring down the fence, U.N. peacekeepers fired several shots into the air. Order was restored and no one was hurt.

Carcasses of pigs, goats and

dogs still floated in muddy waters slowly receding from the streets in Gonaives, Haiti's third-largest city with some 250,000 people. No house escaped damage.

Haitian Red Cross officials said they began mass burials Wednesday at the Bois Marchand cemetery, though there was no activity when a reporter visited.

Relatives waited outside a morgue set up in the flood-damaged General Hospital all Tuesday to identify and bury victims. Vehicles to carry bodies to the cemetery never arrived. Most bodies remained unidentified.



CARL JUSTE/AP PHOTO
People make their way through knee-deep flood waters Wednesday, in Gonaives, Haiti. Piles of bodies grew in morgues as rescuers find more victims in mud and rubble.

Springsteen critiques political coverage

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Springsteen, who once bemoaned the television wasteland in his song "57 Channels," offered some fresh criticism of the small screen and its political coverage: enough with partisan politics and "Fear Factor," let's focus on the facts.

"Things are distorted by ratings and by money to where you're getting one hour of the political conventions," Springsteen says in an interview for the Oct. 14 issue of Rolling Stone magazine.

Springsteen said he had noticed a change in media coverage of the

election. "I think Fox, the Republican intimidated the an incredible consciousness about being objective, and them into a corner where they have some of their integrity and righteousness he said."

The to-do list in Beth Hoyme's purse will never get done because a drunk driver convinced his friends he'd be fine.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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Our View

Open Mike

Regardless of political ideology, the likelihood of hosting Michael Moore will open doors for much-needed debate among students.

Love him or hate him, filmmaker Michael Moore has a knack for opening minds through controversy. He is definitely a natural when it comes to instigating dialogue.

Most of all, agree with him or not, he will either change the way you view our world or make you reaffirm why you feel the way you do in the first place.

Either way, he may be the next man to truly open the door to political dialogue at Northwest.

Polarized opinions aside, Moore knows how to strike a chord, and in an age where apathy is as much a danger to democracy as ever, Northwest's Young Democrats want to bring him here to do just that. In their efforts, they've become catalysts for making the issues relevant to the coming election more than just the "elephant in the middle of the room."

So many issues seem to have fallen by the wayside lately. Unfortunately, they've been cast there because we've spent more time than can be considered reasonable trying to figure out, once and for all, who did or didn't do what in Vietnam in the 1970s. While Moore would love to convert every soul at this University to his school of thought, simply making people think and discuss among themselves would be more than enough.

Our challenge, however, goes out to College Republicans, as well as the Nodaway County Republican party: Balance the points of view provided. The Young Democrats want Moore to lend voice to their cause. Do the same.

In a true democratic environment, no voice is silenced. Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity, and Bill O'Reilly are just a few of the conservative figures that could be brought to our campus.

If unattainable, shoot smaller. Regardless of successes or failures, your attempts certainly will not go unnoticed, and may garner just as much political support from students as a visit from Moore inevitably will.

The other side has expanded the marketplace of ideas already by attempting to bring in Moore. Seize this equal opportunity.

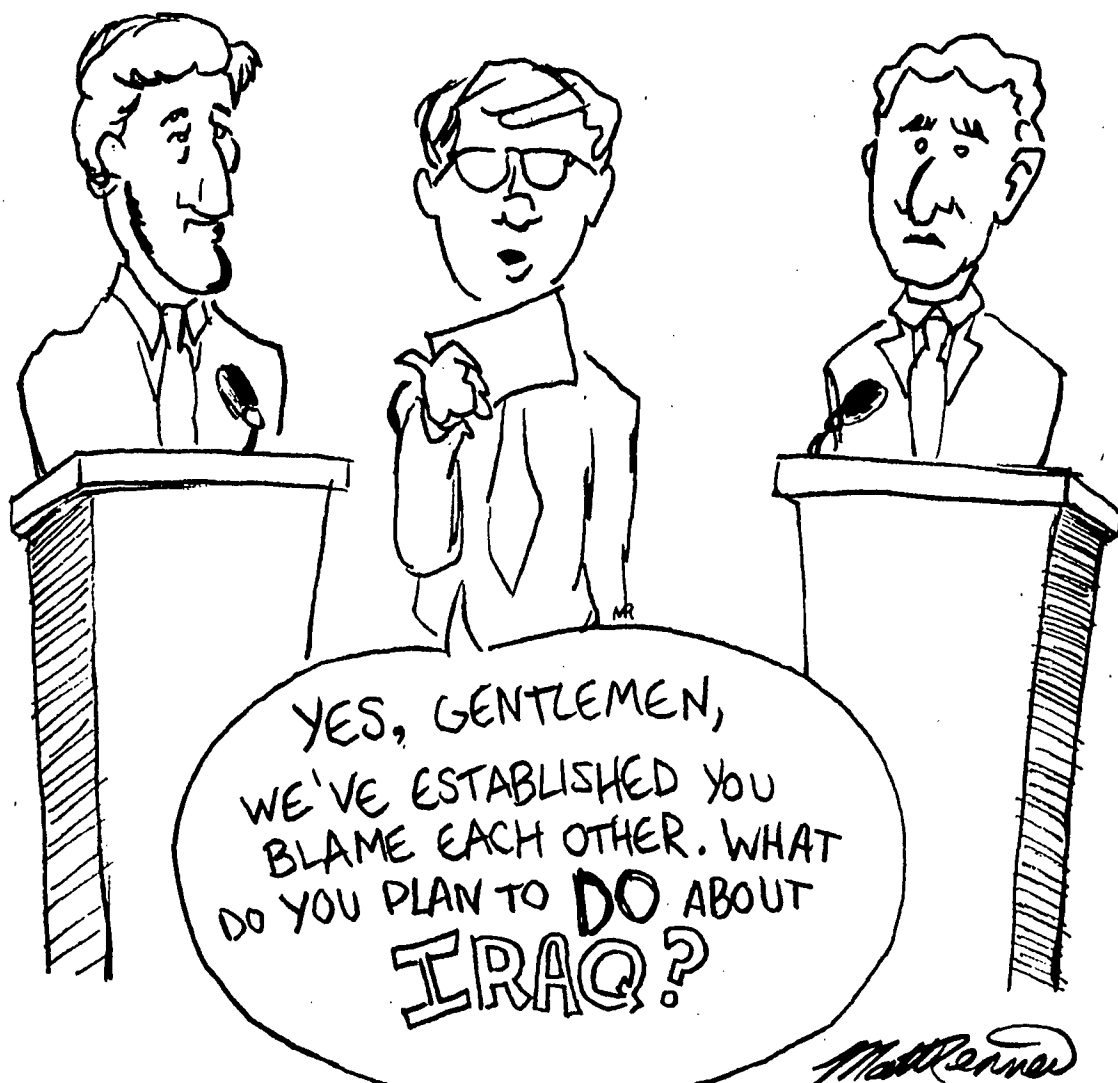
As a student body, we spent so much time and effort last semester debating whether or not we could raise enough money to bring The Dave Matthews Band to Maryville. What if we spent half that effort to bring in more politically-conscious figures such as Moore? We could pave the way this year to make Northwest a more socially aware, open-minded campus than anyone would think a small University in rural Missouri could be.

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"The idea of moving the polling place from the Wesley Center to the Student Union is a poor one. If a person is not motivated enough to go to the Wesley Center to vote it most assuredly means they were not committed enough to have studied the candidates and issues to make a knowledgeable and informed voting choice. These lackadaisical and uncommitted voters should not be encouraged in any way whatsoever to vote. Reminds one of the old saying: watching people participate in a democracy is like watching little children play with a loaded gun. You just hope they don't hurt themselves too badly."

CORRECTION

The Sept. 16 story "Officials concerned over new animal shelter's financial need" incorrectly stated that total utility costs for the shelter average \$7,500 per month. The \$7,500 is actually total operating costs. The Northwest Missourian regrets and apologizes for the error.



True U.S. leadership requires honesty

As the situation in Iraq continues to deteriorate, President George W. Bush has repeatedly insulted the intelligence of American citizens by painting a picture that is completely false and misleading.

"I'm pleased with the progress (in Iraq)," Bush told New Hampshire newspaper The Union Leader in a story published Saturday.

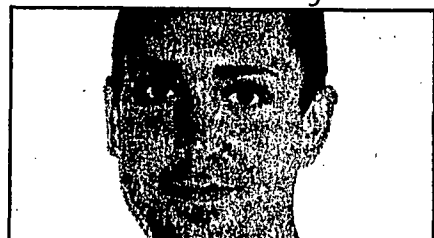
But even members of the Republican Party have begun to break ranks and decry the president's overly optimistic view on the War in Iraq, including Sen. John McCain, who has actively campaigned for President Bush.

Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee and decorated Vietnam veteran, has been perhaps the most outspoken member of the GOP to criticize Bush.

The situation in Iraq is "beyond pitiful," Hagel said last week in USA Today. "It's beyond embarrassing. It's now in the zone of dangerous."

Bush's continuing denial on the situation in Iraq just highlights the stubbornness and nearsightedness of this administration. Also, the fact that Bush refuses to admit his administration underestimated the insurgency that now plagues Iraq is clearly a major flaw of this president—or any leader for that matter. A good leader

My View



Aaron Bailey

admits mistakes.

Last week, renowned journalist Bob Woodward addressed a large audience in St. Joseph, detailing some of the time he spent interviewing Bush. Woodward recounted to Bush a conversation he had with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, in which Blair said that every time he receives a letter from a mother who has lost a son in Iraq, he questions his support for the war and has second thoughts.

Woodward then asked Bush if he ever had doubts about sending American troops into harm's way.

Bush told Woodward that he has never doubted his move to go to war.

Even as the death toll escalates. Even as attacks on our troops average 50 a day. Even as insurgents control more than 30 cities and towns in Iraq.

This is what Bush considers progress.

Bush supporters love to blast Sen. John Kerry for "flip-flopping" on issues. Call me old-fashioned, but I'd like the leader of the free world to at least give the idea of going to war a second thought, or at least be able to give an honest appraisal of a situation that is obviously spinning out of control.

Kerry has now finally taken off the gloves and begun to address—albeit still somewhat vaguely—what he would do about Iraq. Kerry is beginning to realize that the public wants to know, definitively, how he stands on the issue and has begun to denounce even the move to go to war. It's not a weakness to change your mind on a situation as it changes, it's common sense.

And if that's flip-flopping, it's about time.

What the American people deserve is a leader who is brave and honest enough to say that not only are things not going the way we anticipated, but that the administration made a serious miscalculation in preparing for this war. And that someone will be fired—whether that person is Condoleezza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld or whoever.

But if Bush isn't man enough to do this, he should be fired come November.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parking complaints blown out of proportion

In response to Brett Stewart's Sept. 9 My View "Parking leaves much to be desired," stand in line, Mr. Stewart. You don't like the parking. The same is true for many incoming freshmen. Of course, the complaint can be traced to construction. Construction is a part of nearly all university campuses. It is part of our culture. We grit our teeth and move on.

Mr. Stewart complained about parking around the South Complex. If I lived there, I would be thrilled with what time I had use of the parking lot north of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Ad-

ditionally, not all football fans are capable of walking long distances (think alumni or retirees). Opening the parking lot by Mary Linn makes the football experience more enjoyable for the entire city of Maryville.

Despite all of the complaints each year, Northwest's parking is decent. According to the Residential Life office, nearly 70 percent of residents live in the high rises and Tower Suites.

Any time that many people are in one area, parking will be a little sketchy.

If anyone has an issue that irks them,

please talk directly to the people that make the decisions. A person complaining in a newspaper comes across as whiny and childish. A five minute walk from a vehicle is not horribly long.

There are many universities that do not allow every resident a parking space. The University of Kansas and University of Missouri come to mind. Besides, the walking you do helps you accomplish the daily recommended allowance of exercise.

ROBERT GRAHAM
ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

YOUR VIEW

What keeps you awake at night?



"Worrying about the future, worrying about how I'm going to defeat liberalism in this country, and worrying that John Kerry could be our next president."

Tyler Young
Marketing/Management



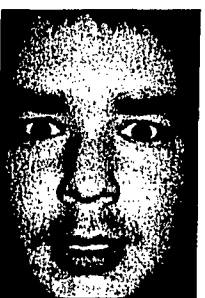
"What doesn't keep me up at night? Right now I'm trying to start a new political group on campus and I'm trying to figure out what I'm going to do with my degree after graduation."

Maegen Irwin
English/French



"I'm currently reading 'The President of Good and Evil.' It's about Bush's ethical actions in his presidency compared to modern ethical standards. Listening to Tabla Rasa and making hemp jewelry keeps me up at night too."

Amanda Hermes
Humanities/Philosophy



"I am usually kept up by writing fan mail to Flava Flav. That and developing my dissertation on controlling influenza in underdeveloped countries."

Mark Dean
English/Broadcasting



"I stay up at night worrying about the international situation, the quagmire in Iraq, the genocide in Sudan and the growing division between the rich and the poor."

Craig Goad
English professor

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New animal ranch may come to area

By DOMNICK HADLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After spending two years working out of a converted grade school in Bolckow, Mo., the Majestic Safe Haven Ranch for Animals is making plans to move to a new 300-plus acre facility somewhere in Northwest Missouri.

Majestic, which opened its doors in May 2003, currently operates obedience training for dogs of all sizes — starting with puppies and continuing to adult and shelter dogs.

According to Vice President

Cindy Nelson, the organization is currently concentrating its efforts on the new facility.

"Right now we are raising funds and looking more at the programs that we offer now," Nelson said. "If all goes well, Majestic will have a new facility in the next three to five years."

Majestic will continue obedience training once it moves to the new facility, but they will also offer additional services.

"We want to help the community around and help them with indoor pets and getting their pets spayed and neutered," said Majestic President Amy Mathias, a

Maryville resident.

In addition to those basic services, the new facility will be equipped with outdoor recreational facilities and a full-size training arena. Future plans may include an area for wildlife preservation, a lost pet prevention and recovery program, an animal foster care network and much more.

"It's going to be a grand facility and it's all for the love of animals and watching people enjoy being around animals," Mathias said.

Mathias also said the new facility will be a place where everyone works with animals in need—a joy she knows all too well.

Mathias has always been involved with animals. As a child, she participated in various outdoor groups like the Girl Scouts of America that nurtured her fondness for nature.

She carried her passion to college, where she studied sociology to better understand the relationship between animals and humans.

"I have always had an animal in my life," she said. "They add so much enjoyment to your regular life. They bring calmness and someone to talk to, and you don't have to expect them to love you. It's sort of a natural thing."

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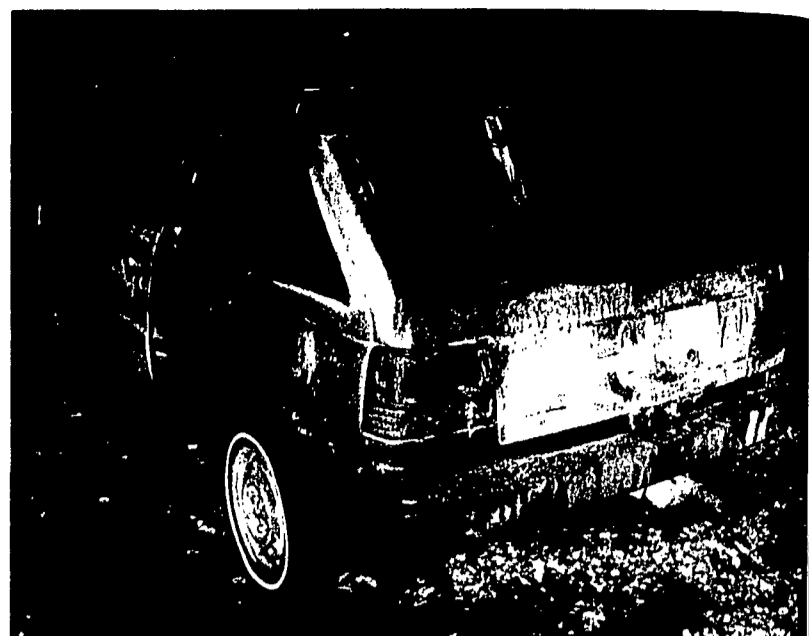


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The aftermath of a simulated natural gas explosion under a car rests on the grounds of the Maryville Aquila Station Tuesday. Area firefighters trained for different scenarios involving natural gas fires.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Maryville Energizer Plant relocates packaging lines; no layoffs anticipated

The Maryville Energizer plant will be moving its packaging lines to Asheboro, N.C. within the next two years.

The relocation will affect between 50-55 employees at the facility. Some of the effect will be handled through changes in job assignments, normal attrition, salary colleague transfers and a voluntary early-retirement offer.

"This initiative enables a focused concentration on cell manufacturing excellence here in Maryville," said Joe Tisone, Energizer's Vice President of Global Operations, in a press release.

World-renowned organist to perform at Conception Abbey

One of the official Vatican organists will perform Friday at Conception Abbey in Conception, Mo.

James Goettsche will give a free concert at 3 p.m. in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

Conception Abbey is located 12 miles east of Maryville on Hwy. 136.

Public Safety director takes helm of MPOA

By JARED HOFFMANN
CHIEF REPORTER

It was a short road to the top for Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood, who recently took his seat as president of the Missouri Peace Officers Association.

Wood began his journey to the presidency three years ago when he was named the organization's second vice president. Over the following three years, Wood was promoted to first vice president, and finally settled into his position as president in June 2004.

This process prepared him for the day

he would take his seat at the head of the statewide, 600-member organization.

"I've known for a couple years that this was coming," Wood said. "I was very honored that my peers elected me to this position."

A graduate of Central Missouri State University, Wood has been involved with law enforcement for 26 years, spending the last 15 in Maryville. As a peace officer, he said unity will be the key element in keeping up with an ever-changing society.

"The demands placed upon us are only going to intensify," Wood said.

"We as a whole must continue to be prepared to meet those demands."

Wood's colleagues are confident that his drive and effort as director of Public Safety will carry over to his term as MPOA president.

"He is a very dedicated and very caring director," Maryville Public Safety Sgt. David Todd said. "He cares for the officers and the city. I expect he will apply the same attributes to his new position."

Wood will serve as the MPOA president throughout the rest of the year. A new president will be named in June 2005.



Keith Wood

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Health insurance premiums rise among U.S. employers

Organization plans, the cost of which rose to \$3,808 for single coverage and \$10,217 for family plans. Comparatively, the cost of Health Maintenance Organization plans climbed to \$3,458 for single coverage and \$9,504 for family coverage plans.

"What we are seeing in our Employer Health Benefit Survey is a set of trends that indicate real and persistent problems with serious implications for accessibility and potentially impacting the overall

health of our country," Pittman said.

Other results of the study indicate a 59 percent increase in family coverage plans since 2000, countered by a mere 12.3 percent wage increase. According to Pittman, such increases are taking a toll on employees nationwide.

One upside to the study revealed that large percentages of employees make significant contributions to their company's health coverage plans — 80 percent of workers who have single coverage plans and

90 percent of workers with family coverage plans. The average annual contribution was \$558 for single-coverage recipients and \$2,661 for family coverage recipients.

Pittman also touched on the importance of political pull in order to thwart rising insurance costs in the future, but stressed that the issue spreads beyond the grasp of individual ideals.

"This is not a partisan political issue," Pittman said. "But it is an issue that will take political will to create solutions."

Local firefighters receive training for natural gas fires

By ASHLEY BALLY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Aquila Station hosted a demonstration Tuesday to instruct firefighters on containing and putting out natural gas fires.

Area firefighters had the opportunity to participate in several hands-on simulations in which they learned how to contain a natural gas fire until the fuel source had been properly shut off.

"The main thing to remember is once the gas is on fire you can tell where it's coming from," said gas operations trainer Richard Devine. "Once you put the fire out without shutting off the gas, it's anyone's guess where the source might be, and can actually lead to a much more hazardous situation."

Aquila currently serves Maryville with natural gas, of which the city has had service since the 1930s.

Aquila has been working on setting up this event for three months.

The first event was a pit fire simulation where the firefighters used 20-30 pound fire extinguishers to put out the blaze. Each extinguisher has enough

chemicals in it to last 18-28 seconds before emptying. Other simulations involved a wall fire set up to resemble what would happen should a flame ignite next to a building. The finale of the evening was a car fire to simulate the consequences of a vehicle trapped over a natural gas main. The firefighters used backpacks with respiratory equipment to help them breathe, and hoses to extinguish the fire.

"Training like this prepares for real life situations that can occur any day," said Maryville volunteer firefighter Christopher Miller.

Natural gas fires are typically found in construction and work areas.

"A natural gas fire is not a very common fire the crews have to face," Devine said. "This event is centered solely around making sure they are prepared."

This is the first time the demonstration has taken place in Maryville, with an estimated 40 firefighters in attendance.

"We've invited several different fire departments to participate in this event," said Judy Ness, manager of external affairs for Aquila. "We invited communities in the area that have natural gas service."

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James McMann of Grasshopper Takeover strums his bass guitar on Sept. 18 as part of the Freeze. The free concert also featured bands Sevenstar, Anchondo and Lovetap.

Enrollment reaches new heights

By DENNIS SHARKEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Come Monday, the University will have good news to report to the state of Missouri.

Overall enrollments for this fall are up in several areas, including freshmen and first time graduate students, but it is lagging a bit with transfer students.

The number of transfer students is down by only two percent from last year, but it has taken a 27 percent drop in the last five years. Bev Schenkel, Dean of Enrollment Management attributes the decline to a few factors, including changes in the job market with more availability of jobs for students with associate degrees, and an increase of tuition costs over the last couple of years.

On the other hand, graduate enrollment is up 14 percent from last year and 33 percent in the last five years. Enrollment for graduate students will continue this year through offsite programs, until the Sept. 27 census date. Schenkel says the number of graduate students should reach 1,100.

"First time graduates is where we are seeing a great increase. There are a couple of new programs that we

have started this year, that we attribute that increase," Schenkel said. "We have a Global Information Systems degree, we have a Masters in Applied Computer Science, and a certificate of alternative teaching that was recently approved."

International student enrollment has also increased this year. The number of students has more than doubled in the past five years, which Schenkel said is a huge benefit to the University.

"We know when our students graduate from Northwest, they are going to be working in a global market place. Interacting with people from different cultures is a reality. We want our students to be comfortable in that environment," Schenkel said.

Freshman enrollment topped the 1,200 mark for the first time since fall 2000. Schenkel says the University is seeing an increase in first year

students from Missouri and Nebraska.

"In Northwest Missouri we have been doing a lot of extra visits to the high schools and working with the

counselors," Schenkel said. "We have a recruiter that lives in Kansas City, and we have really concentrated our efforts down there."

Schenkel also expects the high school dual enrollment to be around 240 students this fall. Dual enrollment is where a student can take the class at their high school, but receive college credit from Northwest.

A couple of other selling points to attract students to Northwest include the scholarships that are in place and new programs such as the American Dream Grant. This grant is available to students whose family income is below a certain level.

The scholarship makes up the difference of tuition, room, and board after all public and private scholarships, grants, and any other financial aid have been used.

"We want to make sure that all students can continue their education, and it will be affordable," Schenkel said.

The new apartments and suites with notebook computers, and the proposal of all campus residence being supplied with a computer in 2005 are other selling points.

"Anytime you have the convenience of living on campus and being so close to classes, the library, and having technology, that is pretty appealing," Schenkel said.

With the increase in enrollment have come some problems, but good problems, according to Kent Porterfield, University Vice President of Student Affairs. The closing of Hudson and Perrin halls accounted for about 600 beds while the new apartments have about 500 beds, leaving the University with 100 fewer beds.

"It's been real tight this year, but everyone that requested a bed got one," Porterfield said. "It will be a good change because we could end up with new dorms hopefully."

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Plagiarism forum to focus on prevention

By ABBY SIMONS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

William Waters, the issue of detecting plagiarism isn't about persecu-

instead, it's simply cutting off at the an academic plague from which symptoms students don't recognize until it's too late.

the heart of all this, my concern is the criminal aspect. It's about someone to make decisions from their own experiences. That's going to make a difference in the said Waters, assistant professor

of English. "What's really going to make the difference is if whether a student can look at something they've never looked at before and make a decision about it that they can support."

With such a prevention-focused mindset, Waters and the Northwest English department's Composition Committee will lead Northwest faculty in the first step toward defeating cheating with a plagiarism workshop held from 5-7 p.m. tonight in the Student Union Room B.

Nearly a trimester in the making, the faculty-exclusive workshop will feature the background of plagiarism, current re-

sources available for detecting acts of cheating among students, compounding factors involved and the importance of enforcing Northwest academic policy when it comes to instances of plagiarism.

The latter issue is vital, Waters said, as the advent of the Internet makes cheating easier for students—be it from the availability to purchase pre-written term papers online, or ripping ideas directly from several Web sites and putting them together within one assignment, a technique that results in what Waters dubs "Patch Papers."

The epidemic is a local reality, Wa-

ters said. Nationwide studies reveal that more than 80 percent of all college students have reported cheating at some time within their career. Northwest is no exception, yet few reports of academic dishonesty are made among faculty. The disparity must be challenged, he said.

"No one's ever been expelled, and is it really plausible that no one's plagiarized and no one's been caught?" he said. "If you're not hearing about people being expelled, then something else is happening when they're getting caught."

Based upon the success of the faculty workshop, Waters said plans for a student workshop may be in the works, and may be just as useful to students.



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Pip, played by Coby Shepard, affectionately kisses Miss Havisham, played by Rebecca Johnston Wednesday evening as the cast of Great Expectations prepares for opening night, tonight.

Freshman and transfer showcase to feature Great Expectations

By ANDY TIMKO
CHIEF REPORTER

A 140-year-old story of tragedy, love, identity and entrepreneurship is crossing the big blue pond and coming to the stage in Maryville.

Northwest freshmen and transfer students are performing Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations" this weekend as the first of 12 plays that will occupy the stage this year.

"It's a good, heavy challenge for actors and almost everybody knows the story or of Charles Dickens," director Joe Kreizinger, assistant professor in the department of Communication, Theatre and Languages, said. "We wanted (a show) that we could hopefully get some people to come to and have a good audience."

"Great Expectations was originally published in 1860 as Dickens' last great novel following titles like

"Oliver Twist" and "A Christmas Carol."

The version being performed at the Mary Linn Auditorium is a production written by Barbara Field and originally performed by the Seattle Children's Theatre.

Kreizinger said that this version of the play requires that actors are moving from scene to scene very quickly often times carrying their own props with them. The actors do not see this as a problem, they see it as learning tool.

"It's one of the obstacles," freshman Rebecca Johnston said. "But it's fun, I've done quick changes before and it can be really stressful, but it's part of the excitement."

The cast of new students is looking forward to showing off their talent and they hope to see a large audience every night.

"Great Expectations" will show at 7 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

After decades of prevalence on campus, Greeks concerned over lag in membership

and, in turn, attract more girls after informing potential members that they are all about.

"We really tried to make it a positioning," Niemeyer said. "We stressed community service aspect and of-parent guides to any parents with sons."

Despite the work that has been done to improve the matter, many Greek organizations are still concerned with the is-

though the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity is currently content with their members, member Ben York, who also is Interfraternity Council secretary, still understands that the problem is a legitimate one that needs to be addressed.

York believes one of the reasons that situation is occurring is due to the daunted effort put out by older members during recruitment. He believes they have quit caring because it's almost done and therefore don't

want to educate the younger members on the benefits that lie within their organizations.

Other factors have contributed over all York said.

"I think part of the cause could be the negative image that the media portrays fraternities and sororities as," York said. "They are not depicted well on TV in places like Sorority Life or Fraternity Life on MTV."

Jamie McLaughlin, Alpha Sigma Alpha member and Panhellenic Vice-President of recruitment, echoes these beliefs about the media.

"Here at Northwest it's different than the bigger universities that are portrayed in the media," McLaughlin said. "The bad stuff that has been happening at bigger places like Colorado isn't the same thing that happens here."

She further believes that the underlying reason behind the problem is the fact that the popularity of Greek Life has come and gone.

"It's just a lot of work, it's expensive and time consuming," McLaughlin said. "Those are big things that could cause people to be less interested in [fraternities and sororities] as they used to be."

According to McLaughlin, although Alpha Sigma Alpha experienced higher numbers than last year, their totals are still not up to par with what they have been in the past. For example, she said there were 45 girls in her pledge class in 2001 and only 29 women in the class this year.

Tim Ramsey, former Sigma Phi Epsilon member, has his own explanation for this gradual decrease in Greek numbers.

"All fraternity numbers are down because you're getting guys now who aren't worth anything because they don't make grades and don't come back the following year," said Ramsey. "If you get 20 guys half of them won't be any good, which obviously lowers your

numbers."

Although the issue has not affected every Greek organization, the University is still taking a look at the problem.

"We're looking at it and taking it seriously," said Bryan VanOsdale, director of Campus Activities. "And we're meeting with the Greek leaders."

VanOsdale said that the low numbers are just a part of a trend where sometimes numbers are high and low depending on the personality of the students, but he said he believes it will change.

Pederson also believes the tables will turn from the fraternity standpoint because more men will eventually want to join.

"Sig Ep is a solid chapter with great campus leaders, athletes, philanthropists, community servicemen," said Pederson. "Manpower is down, but we are extremely optimistic that the current state is driven by many factors, some of which need to be reviewed by the local chapter and the University."

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15 steps closer to diabetes • Gaining weight during college can lead to more than remorse

By STEPHANIE STANGL
FEATURES EDITOR

Slowly, you pick up the last cold, yet oddly satisfying, slice of pizza. As you chomp down, the cheese oozes between your teeth, sending you into a state of pure euphoria. You chug down a can of sugary soda, washing away the last remnants of a midnight snack.

Frequent eating rampages and engaging in a more sedentary lifestyle are two factors that contribute to college students gaining weight when they start college, more commonly referred to as "putting on the freshman 15." Though the cause is not known, gaining a substantial amount of weight has been shown to increase a person's chance of developing diabetes later in life.

A Curious Disease

Annually, diabetes strikes 18.2 million Americans in two forms: type 1 and type 2. According to Teri Harr, Health Education Coordinator at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, the difference is that in type 1 diabetes a person's body can't supply enough insulin in the blood to allow sugar to pass through. In type 2, your cells cannot use the insulin your body makes.

"When you eat sugars and carbohydrates, the insulin that is secreted by the pancreas works on those substances. Insulin goes to the cell and opens it like a lock and key," Harr said. "If you have effective insulin it opens the cell and lets the sugars and carbohydrates in. If you have type 2 diabetes, and your insulin is not effective, the sugars and carbohydrates cannot get into the cell."

Impairing Complications

The American Obesity Association reports that approximately 127 million adults in the United States are overweight, 60 million of them obese and 9 million severely obese. Just as these statistics are on the rise, so are the number of Americans who have diabetes. If not controlled through a healthy diet, exercise regimen and medicine, diabetes can lead to heart disease, strokes, blindness and kidney disease, to name a few.

One man has another ailment to add to the list.

Gary Bennerott, a former professor of education at Northwest, developed Parkinson's disease as a result of his type 2 diabetes. Bennerott currently experiences difficulty in walking, hearing and speech almost daily.

"I have had Parkinson's for over 10 years as a result of my diabetes," Bennerott said. "The medicine I take does a pretty good job controlling the symptoms of the disease, but there are still some parts of the day when I am extremely weak."

Portion Distortion

According to Harr, one of the biggest factors contributing to overeating and the prevalence of diabetes is American perception of what portion sizes are and what they actually should be.

For instance, a portion of meat eaten during a meal should be three ounces or roughly the size of a deck of cards. Similarly, a serving of cheese should be one ounce, or the size of four dice, and a serving of pasta should be one cup or the size of a tennis ball, according to the American Diabetes Association.

"If people would just limit portion sizes they could eat virtually anything," Harr said. "It's all about moderation."

Some students are doing their best to ensure that they will not develop diabetes. Sophomore Jennifer Williams, a chemistry major at Northwest, takes health issues such as exercise and good eating habits very seriously.

"In addition to working out daily, I eat little meals throughout the day," Williams said. "I also haven't drank soda in over two years."

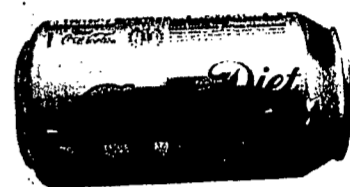
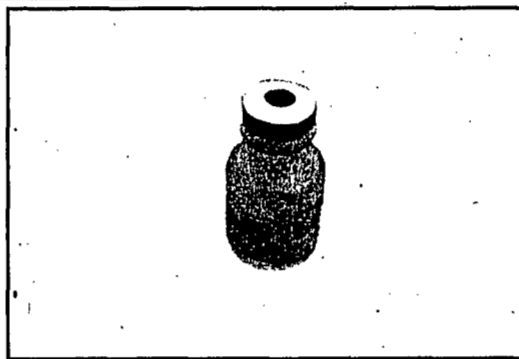
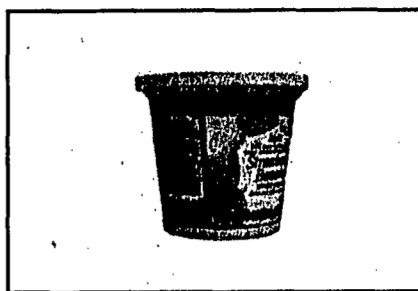
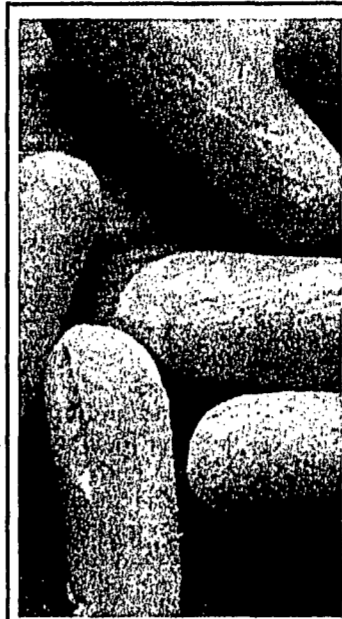
As a result, Williams has proven it is possible to achieve the opposite by losing more than 20 pounds.

A Matter of Genetics

Sometimes a person is predisposed to getting diabetes and should take extra precautions to ensure they do not let their weight get out of control.

"Though your risk is increased, a person can control when you will develop it," Harr said. "If you exercise and maintain good eating habits you may not develop diabetes until you are 80 or 90 and by that time it will be easier to handle."

"Mealwise, diabetics should be the example for all of us," she continued. "We should be eating balanced meals, regardless if we have the disease or not."



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Item from the Union at Northwest	Fat grams	Calories
chicken tender bites	25	480
2 pieces fried chicken	38.5	440
bacon cheeseburger	52	740
french fries	20	330
barbecue ribette	28	600

Take Action Now

In "15 Steps to Avoid the Freshman 15," physicians Russ Klerke and Deanna Conte offer tips to combat the tradition.

1. **Alcohol Buzz:** Of course alcohol is prohibited to those under 21. So, when you get there, know that regular beer has about 180 calories per bottle, but "light" brands are closer to 100.

2. **Portion control freaks** know when to stop eating. Pay attention to when you feel too full.

3. **Socialize over meals:** If you are having conversation while you eat, you'll gobble less, which tends to limit the total amount you eat.

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Barres down on Rolla quarterback Brandon Landry in Northwest's 65-3 win as the Bearcats face the Washburn Ichabods Saturday in Topeka.



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'Cats to face pesky Washburn

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

It would be fair to say the Northwest football team has a target on their back this week.

The Bearcats face off against Washburn Saturday, a team that is on the rise in the MIAA.

"They have to be looking at this game as one that could possibly get them over the hump," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

The Ichabods, ranked sixth in the MIAA pre-season polls this season, are off to a 3-1 start and undefeated in the conference. Included in that total are decisive victories over Emporia State and Truman State.

Washburn is led by the MIAA Player of the Week, Tyler Scheurman. This will be the second week Northwest has faced a quarterback that could change the face of the game.

Against Schuerman, coupled with

running backs Ra'Shaw Moseley and Trent Hearn, the Northwest defense should get a good test.

"They are getting a lot of good running backs in from Texas," senior linebacker Adam Long said. "They had the co-Freshman of the Year and he is splitting time with a red shirt freshman this year. They will run a lot of different things at us so it should be fun."

Moseley, a freshman, ranks

seventh in the MIAA with 71.5 yards per game.

Through the air, the Ichabods average 223 yards per game. The majority of those yards go to Sam Sissom, who averages 89.2 yards per game.

With a team like Washburn on the rise, Tjeerdsma has made his team well-aware of how important it is to get up for the game.

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Hounds get extra week for No. 3 Pintos

By BRENDAN KELLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Maryville high school football has an extra week to think about the road to Chillicothe and to prepare for this Saturday's game against California Pintos.

It couldn't have come at a better time with the 'Hounds preparing for two major games on the road against California and Benton.

The week has really helped



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sydney Brisbane and the 'Hounds will face off against California on Saturday.

The 'Hounds suffered 13 penalties for a loss of 93 yards in their loss to Chillicothe, but the turning point of the game was a blocked punt that left Chillicothe with great field position.

"We worked on penalties and special teams a lot," senior Evan Wilmes said. "We can't keep beating ourselves

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Hotly hitting leads way softball squad win

By BETH MEYER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The softball team has had a lot of time and a few things may be starting to come together for the Maryville softball team.

The team earned their first win in seven games by defeating the Platteville Pirates 7-1 on Tuesday at Park.

It has got to be the best team to have played all season," says Blackney said. "We're really good and kept fighting."

Pitcher Sarah Scott hit her first homerun with a three-run homer in the left field fence in the

third inning, what can you say? The girls have been working hard; hopefully they'll keep improving because it's getting down to crunch time."

The 'Hounds' record now stands at 5-10, with a home game tonight against Benton.

Woods entered in the

fourth, allowing two walks.

The Spoofhounds scored three more runs in the second inning with a one run double by Kristin Degase and two RBI's.

Platte County scored their lone run in the third inning on a passed ball error.

The Pirates had a chance to score again in the fourth with the bases loaded, but center fielder Kendra Colter caught the hard-hit fly for the third out of the inning.

"I see a lot of improvement," Blackney said. "I had several people tell us from the last time we played that they can see a lot of improvement too."

Maryville earned seven hits in the contest, nearly tripling the amount the 'Hounds have earned in each of the past several games.

"The girls have been working hard; hopefully they'll keep improving because it's getting down to crunch time."

The 'Hounds' record now stands at 5-10, with a home game tonight against Benton.

Bearcat volleyball drops close weekend matches

By ANDY TIMKO
CHIEF REPORTER

The Bearcat volleyball team's straight victories as they defeated Washburn and No. 11 Missouri State over the week-

end. The team lost a heartbreaker in the third set, 30-22, 29-31, 30-20, 27-30 to Washburn on Friday at Bearcat Arena.

The new coming in that it was a battle," head coach Lori Blackney said. "I thought we had a little momentum. We took game one, but we don't think we did what

we needed to do in game five in order to win."

Game one was neck and neck until the Lady Blues reached the 20 point mark where they powered past the 'Cats to win the game.

In the second game the 'Cats came out with a vengeance. They started off with a quick lead, relinquished it, and finally took the lead back, downing Washburn with extra points and the crowd's approval.

"I think our nerves were wrapped (in game one) and we just couldn't get things to go our way," junior Allison Hyland said. "Right before (game two) coach gave us a motivational speech about emo-

tions and we came out fired up that game."

"Cats had the momentum going into the third game, but the Lady Blues were not going to give up without a fight. They soon took the lead and never looked back, winning by the largest margin of the night."

The 'Cats were winning again in game four after senior Steph Suntken served for seven straight points including two service aces.

"Our goal was to just make it to five games and after that we knew it was anybody's match," Suntken said. "We met our goal, but didn't get the win out of it."

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BEST FOOT FORWARD

NORTHWEST'S NEW KICKER BRINGS WITH HIM A HISTORY OF SUCCESS, DATING BACK TO HIS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYING DAYS

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Every once in a while, there's a diamond in the rough. An athlete who comes along and turns heads.

It doesn't take long to see that Luis Berlanga is one of those players.

Berlanga has stormed into Maryville and provided a special teams boost like the Bearcats have never seen.

"From what we have seen so far from him, he might be the best kicker we have ever had," head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

That's a bold understatement.

Since joining the Bearcats, Berlanga has hit 29 of 29 extra points and all five of his field goal attempts.

So what, right? Lots of kickers in the MIAA have those type of stats.

They do, but in the last four years, Berlanga has missed two field goals. Most teams are happy if their kickers only miss two field goals in a game.

"I don't really remember the last time I missed," Berlanga said. "This will probably jinx me though. I don't know, it has to have been three and a half or four years ago."

HIS HISTORY

Originally from Monterrey, Mexico, it wasn't until he was a foreign exchange student that Luis first played football, and even then it was all by chance.

As an exchange student, he played for his high school soccer team in Colorado.

"They had just scored on us," Berlanga said. "We had the ball at midfield and I saw the goalie starting to move up a little bit."

Then Berlanga pauses and gives his patented smile. "I just kicked it over him for a goal," he said.

The rest was history for him. Once the school's football coach heard about that, Luis spent his Friday nights kicking for the football team.

During his year of high school football, he made a 58-yard field goal, — a distance unheard of in high school football — and went on to be named first-team all-state.

After high school, he played football at Monterrey Tech before coming in contact with his current kicking coach, Mike McCabe of One-on-One Kicking from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

McCabe was instantly impressed with Berlanga's ability.

"The first time I saw him I knew he was pretty good," McCabe said. "He said he wanted to play in America."

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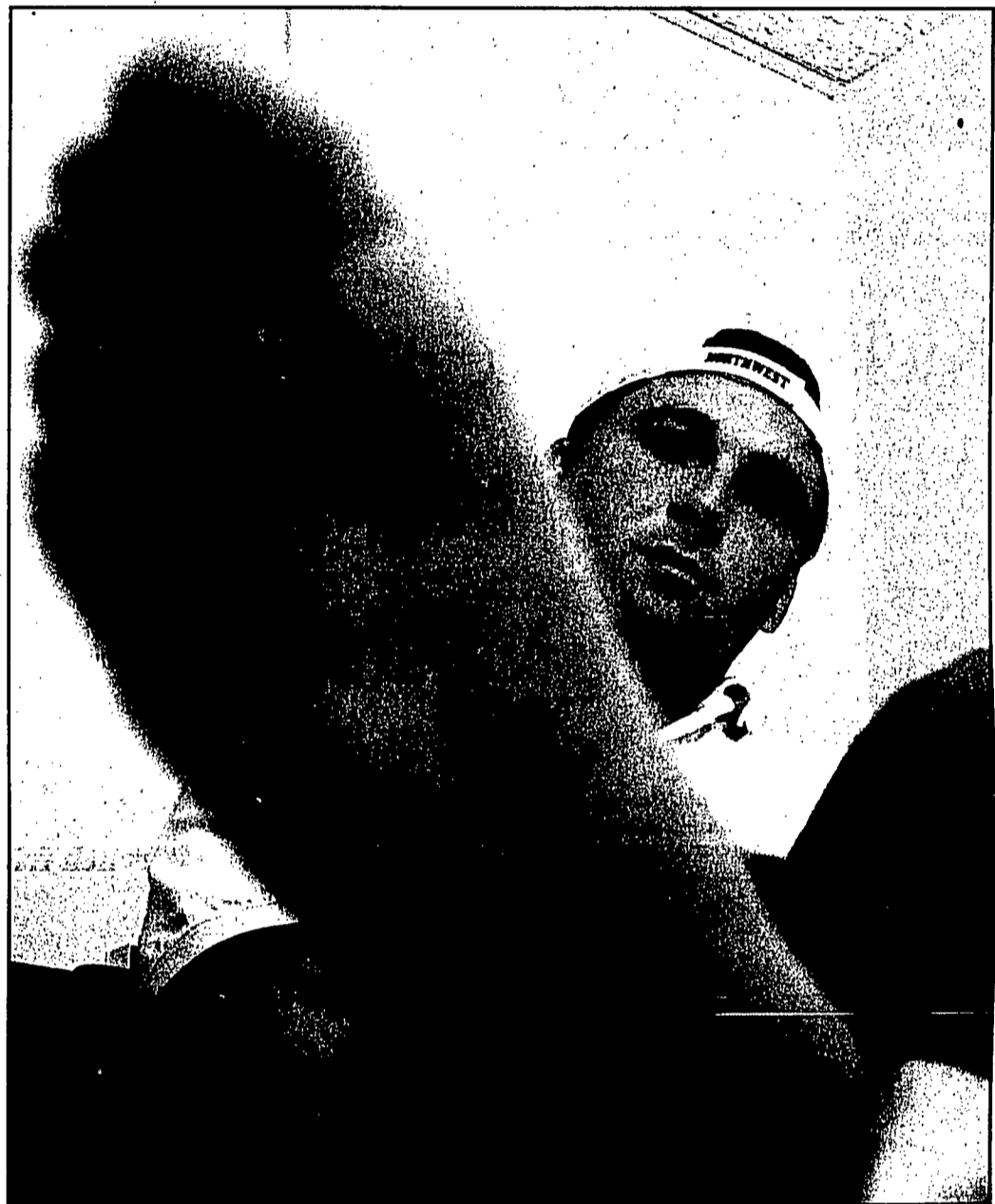
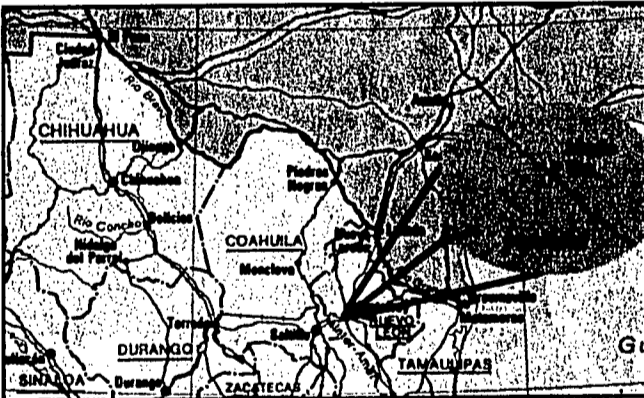


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WHERE IS MONTERREY?

Monterrey, Mexico, the home of Northwest kicker Luis Berlanga is located just hours south of the Texas border.

According to Berlanga, the flight from Monterrey to Kansas City takes just 4 1/2 hours including layovers.

PERFECT NUMBERS

56

THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE EXTRA POINTS LUIS MADE AT MONTERREY TECH.

68

LUIS' LONGEST CAREER FIELD GOAL IN YARDS.

5

FIELD GOALS MADE AT NORTHWEST THIS SEASON.

29

THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE EXTRA POINTS LUIS HAS MADE AT NORTHWEST.

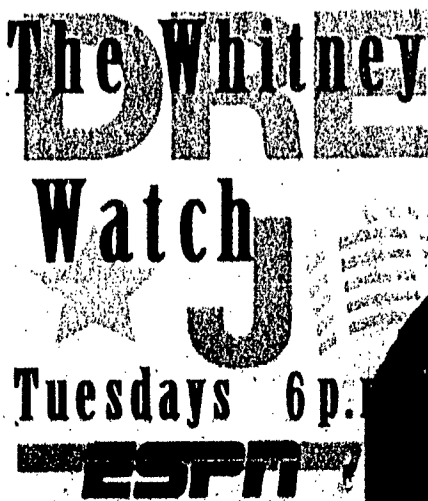
SCOTT MAKES IT THROUGH WEEK 1

After waiting a week for her Dream Job debut, Northwest alumna Whitney Scott had her first taste of the big-time on Tuesday.

Scott made it through her turn with only minimal mistakes and made it through the round of cuts without any strikes.

Judge Woody Paige seemed the closest to giving Scott a strike, but said he was anxious to see what she could do during her chance next week.

The judges opted to eliminate Stephanie Rich, leaving Scott as one of only two remaining female contestants.



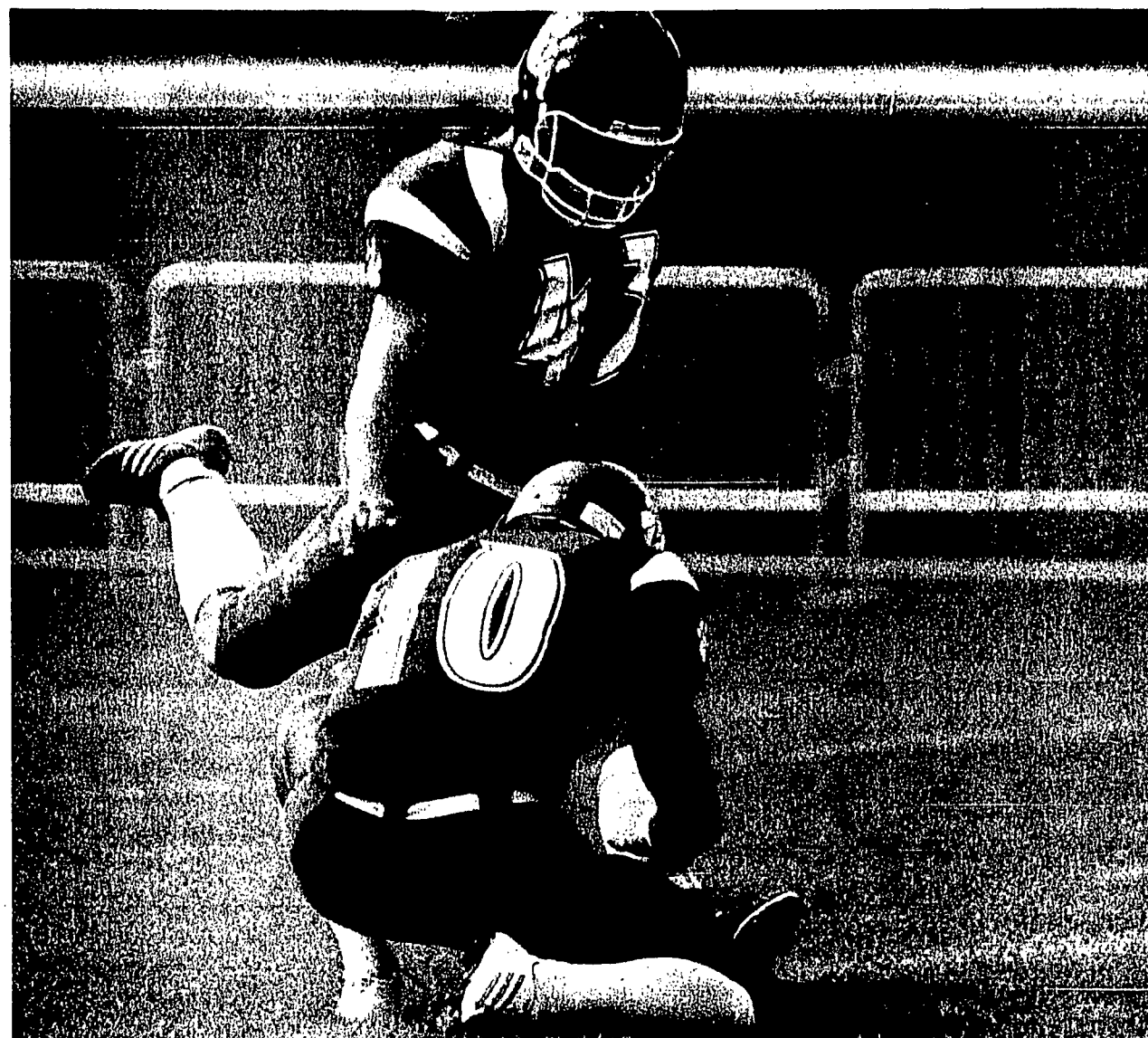


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Senior kicker Luis Berlanga puts his leg into a kick against Missouri-Rolla on Saturday. On the year, Berlanga is 29-for-29 for on extra points and a perfect five-for-five on field goals for the Bearcats.

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Kicker brings team Mexican flavor

COMING TO MARYVILLE

At the same time Berlanga was looking for a school to kick for in America, Tjeerdsma was desperately looking for a kicker as well.

Tjeerdsma came in contact with McCabe and told him of his situation.

Northwest seemed to be set for the next few years with kicker Corey Paetznick, but after his freshman season, he decided to transfer to Iowa State.

That left Tjeerdsma and his staff in the middle of the summer without a kicker.

"We weren't in a position to be very picky," Tjeerdsma said. "Basically we were probably going to take about whoever we could get."

In the meantime, Berlanga was having trouble getting attention at Division I schools because of his one year of remaining eligibility.

That's when McCabe contacted Tjeerdsma.

"I called him and asked him if he wanted one of the best kickers on the planet," McCabe said. "He said yes."

HIS LEG

The billing as one of the best kickers in the planet may be a little far-fetched, but McCabe is confident he isn't far off.

"He has the leg of Sebastian Janikowski and the accuracy of Morten Anderson," McCabe said.

So far in the short season, Northwest has kicked off 38 times. Only 22 of those kicks have even been able to be returned.

Berlanga is currently being plagued by a minor leg injury, but both he and McCabe say it won't

be long before his kickoffs are making it through the field goal posts.

With the distance and hang time of his kickoffs, NFL scouts are taking notice of him.

At one practice, a scout came to Northwest to watch Gabriel Helms and Jamaica Rector.

Then Berlanga took to the practice field.

"He has the leg of Sebastian Janikowski and the accuracy of Morten Anderson"

MIKE MCCABE
BERLANGA'S KICKING COACH

Of the approximately 15 field goals he kicked, he missed one— from 60 yards out. Determined not to let that slow him down, he made his next two attempts from the same distance.

About that time, Tjeerdsma walked by the scout, who by this time had made his way over to watching Berlanga, and with a smile said, "Oh yeah, our kicker is pretty decent too."

Yeah, you could say that.

'Cats have no trouble with UM

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

For Northwest, Saturday was just business as usual.

The Bearcats racked up 678 total yards on their way to dismantling the University of Missouri-Rolla 65-3.

Northwest came at the Miners with an even attack, rushing for 391 yards while throwing for 287.

"We really want a balanced attack," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We want to be able to run the ball as well as we throw it."

At the same time, the defense held Rolla's top-ranked passing attack to just 256 yards in the air, over 200 fewer yards than they were averaging. Rolla threw with ease through the first drive, which resulted in a field goal, their only points of the game.

"We just made some adjustments after that," senior cornerback Tony Glover said. "They were beating us with the crossing routes, so we just told our linebackers to stay home."

Northwest on their opening drive went 80 yards in 7 plays when quarterback Josh Lamberson found

Morris White for a 31-yard touchdown.

After surrendering a field goal on Rolla's opening drive, White again found the endzone, this time on a 12-yard run.

Rolla wouldn't find the endzone the rest of the day, their only chance at scoring coming when kicker Marc Armbruster missed a field goal with 57 seconds left in the first half.

Northwest, however, found the endzone three more times in the first half.

Mike Fiech scored two touchdowns on runs of 19 yards and 1 yard, while tight end Mike Peterson scored on a 7-yard pass.

Combined with two first-half field goals from Luis Berlanga, the Bearcats took a 41-3 lead into halftime.

The first half wasn't all perfect for the Bearcats. Northwest was plagued with a total of eight penalties, many of them coming in the first half.

"I wasn't really pleased with the first drive," Tjeerdsma said. "After that, though, our defense did a good job of making some changes."

In the second half, the Bearcats'

starting offense saw just one which they made the Jamaica Rector scored on a touchdown reception.

E.J. Falkner and Zach also each scored on runs in the second half.

"E.J. is just a rookie," said. "He is getting better single game."

Up next for the Bearcats to Topeka, Saturday will face off against Washburn.

100 for Coach T: Tjeerdsma scored his 100th win on Saturday. He is the all-time leader in wins for career wins and is the second-fastest MIAA coach to the century mark.

"It was a lot easier to 100th one than it was to first one," he said.

After going 0-11 during season at Northwest, he did a win until three games into second season in Maryville. Tjeerdsma earned his first win against west Baptist.

Even after reaching the mark, Tjeerdsma was downplay the situation.

"All this really means is been here a long time," he

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Bearcats look to avoid MIAA ups

"I don't really think we will have a problem with that," he said. "I think they did a really good job getting up for Rolla, so Saturday shouldn't be any problem for them."

Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Yager Stadium in Topeka, Kan.

RECTOR CLOSING IN ON RECORD

Saturday could turn into a record-setting day for wide receiver Jamaica Rector.

The senior is 132 yards shy of

becoming the all-time leading receiver in the MIAA.

Rector, who has 3,326 yards, trails Truman State alumnus Andrew Blakley's 3,458 yards.

"I don't worry too much about the records," Rector said. "I guess it just means I've been around a long time."

He already holds six Northwest receiving records, including most career yards.

RANKINGS

Every player and coach will say

that rankings mean nothing.

And while they do have little significance on game days, Northwest has their share of nationally-ranked players.

Leading the way is quarterback Josh Lamberson. Lamberson is at the top of the nation in efficiency. His quarterback rating is 188.7. The next closest back in the MIAA is Seth who is No. 22 in the nation with a rating of 148.2.

Total Offense

Name	Yds.	Per game
Josh Lamberson	1066	266.5
Xavier Omon	346	86.5
Zach Sherman	170	56.7
Fiech, Mike	161	40.2
Netolicky, Jeff	112	37.3
Wells, Shon	97	24.2
White, Morris	20	5.0

Receiving Yards

Name	Yds.	Per game
Jamaica Rector	289	96.3
Andre Rector	154	51.3
Morris White	178	44.5
J. Meyerkorth	106	26.5
A. Froehlich	78	19.5
Mike Peterson	64	16.0
E.J. Falkner	36	12.0

Total Tackles

Name	Tackles
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Troy Tysdahl	
Chad Bostwick	
Ben Harness	
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Bears drop two straight at Bearcat Arena, now focus on No. 3 Truman State

The crowd roared as the 'Cats were scheduled to play the fifth game, but the Lady Blues to play five for the first time since Nov. 3.

The Lady Blues stayed composed despite the ranting of fans, changed seats just to disturb and notched some much-needed points in game five. After it was all over, the 'Cats didn't recover and lost by six. "I think we have to have the team from the get-go and if we fall apart," Hyland said. "We dig ourselves holes and it's that much harder to get out of them."

The 'Cats look confused at times due to a lack of communication, which led to costly errors. There is (a lack of communication), sometimes we have different people coming in, but it's just young again and we need to number to talk and communicate," Sunkten said.

Despite their troubles, the team did put up good numbers to their totals for the year. Cummings did well once posting a team high 22.5

points as well as three solo blocks. Sunkten led with three service aces and Katie Stillwell had 18 digs while adding 31 assists.

Saturday's game against CMSU proved to be one of the more difficult match-ups this year for the 'Cats as they lost in three games for the first time since Sept. 4.

"We were obviously disappointed at that, it's one of our goals not to lose in three," Slight said. "If you can at least take a game or two from a team, that in my mind makes it more competitive."

Playing five games the night before may have hurt them, the 'Cats as they could never seem to get things going losing three straight (30-24, 30-24, 30-24).

"I think we were tired," Slight said. "Playing the five-game match with Washburn, the emotional hype of playing at home again and the family day, there were a lot of people there, I think we were tired and you could see it."

The 'Cats are back in action at 7 p.m. Friday in Bearcat Arena against another nationally ranked team, No. 3 Truman.



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'Cats goalkeeper Alison Sheridan stops a shot on Sunday against visiting Augustana University. Northwest scored three goals in the second half to win 4-3.

CMSU rolls over 'Cats 4-0

By KRISTINE HOTOP
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Five weeks into the season, the Northwest soccer team holds a 2-6 record after losing by four to conference rival Central Missouri State.

"The girls didn't distribute the ball in back as well as they needed too," head Coach Tracy Cross said. "There are still a couple errors we need to close down on, but that comes with time."

The Jennies defeated the 'Cats 4-0 in Northwest's second conference game of the season.

The 'Cats hosted a non-conference game against Augustana University on Sunday at Bearcat Pitch. The Bearcats put four goals in the net, the highest amount Cross has witnessed from her team. Cross was impressed with work ethic of her team.

"They deserved to win this game," she said. "Coming back from being

down 3-1 is a huge accomplishment for the girls."

Sophomore Beth Gutschenritter scored first for Northwest and later earning her second game-winning goal, closing the match for Augustana in the 68th minute.

Northwest finished the game with a 4-3 victory, presenting freshmen Tracy Sacco and Brittany Cash with their first career goals as Bearcats, in the 41st and 58th minutes, respectively.

"It is always good to score, especially when a freshman defender and midfielder can get their name in the books," Cross said.

The 'Cats host No. 25 Southwest Baptist at 4 p.m. Saturday, at Bearcat Pitch.

"Southwest is a very mobile and composed team and will put heavy pressure on us," said Cross. "They are very confident with their play and will try to place a lot of balls in the box."

Spader places 37th, team remains positive after meet

By KYLIE MCDONOUGH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After a 12th place finish on Saturday at the Woody Greeno/Nebraska Open, the Northwest women's cross country team remains positive.

There were at least 300 other finishers on Saturday.

Coach Scott Lorek emphasized how well the team is doing this season.

"We are mentally doing a great job this season," Lorek said of his team. "The women are running like they hope to, not how they feel they should be running. They are not afraid and they are doing a great job."

It was another great meet for freshman Kara Spader who finished 37th. However, Spader felt the competition was a big tough after her 8th place finish of last week's Mule Run.

"I was not as focused as I was the week before, but this was my first big race, said Spader of her Saturday's finish. "It was a completely different atmosphere with the amount of people competing in this meet. I hope this will help prepare everyone for the next few races."

Another runner on Saturday was senior Ashley Grosse, who finished 61st with a time of 25:14. Compared to last week's finish, Grosse had other thoughts in mind about the invite.

"I did not run as competitive as I did at the first meet," Grosse said. "This was the first big meet of the season and I just wanted to feel myself out."

Other finishers on Saturday were Dia McKee, Julie Toebben, Jessica Montesano, Heather Brokaw, Emily Von Weihe, Kim Homan, Kara Poehlman.

The women head to Stillwater, Okla., Oct. 2, for the Cowboy Jamboree.

Runners struggle at Woody Greeno Invite

By BILLY BURNS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's cross country team came away from Saturday's Woody Greeno Invitational a little disappointed.

Coach Richard Alsup wanted his runners to get in high positions early because of the large field and tight course.

"I wanted them to come out hard early because there are parts of that course where you can't pass," Alsup said. "We didn't do it very well."

The team finished 12th at the meet which consisted of 34 teams in two divisions. Northwest's division had 28 Division II teams.

Freshman Brandon Dart and sophomore Matt Pohren paced the Bearcats with 41st and 44th place finishes respectively.

Despite the Bearcats' finish, Pohren sees nothing but future improvement for the young team.

"(Being young) has helped us bond a lot," Pohren said. "Give us a month

and we'll be a better team. There's a lot of talking, progression, and encouragement."

With nine freshmen and eight sophomores, the team must rely on only three upperclassmen for leadership. Aubrey, the only senior, sets a quiet example for the team.

"He is a leader, but he's quiet. He has that quiet wisdom and he leads by example," Pohren said.

Alsup points to Aubrey's summer work as an example of his leadership.

"For the first couple years he was always good but he never really stepped it up," Alsup said. "This year he had a good summer, came back and has practiced and raced well."

Aubrey had to do his summer workouts at night because he had an internship. He used a GPS system to locate water meters and fire hydrants for the City of Liberty.

"I came in ready and fit," Aubrey said. "I feel like I'm in the best shape ever."

Volleyball Lingo

Set: A serve that results directly in a point, usually when the receiving team's side of the net.

Assist: Passing or setting the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill.

Block: A defensive play by one or more front row players meant to intercept a spiked ball. The combination of one, two or three players jumping in front of the spiking player and contacting the spiked ball with the hands.

Receiv: An offensive play meant to disguise the spiker who receives the set.

Set: Passing a spiked or rapid ball. Slang for the art of moving an attacked ball close to the floor.

Dink: A one-handed, soft hit into the opponent's court using the fingertips.

Kill: An attack that results directly in a point or sideout.

Pass: Receiving a serve or the first contact of the ball with the intent to control the ball to another player.

Rally Scoring: Scoring method where points can be won by the serving or receiving team.

Setter: The second passer whose job it is to position a pass to the hitter.

Spike: Also hit or attack. A ball contacted with force by a player on the offensive team who intends to terminate the ball on the opponent's floor or off the opponent's blocker.

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Spoofhounds respond too late in home opening loss against Cameron

By SETH HERROLD
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

For the second straight home game, Cameron handed the Maryville Spoofhounds soccer team a loss.

Dating back to last year's home finale on senior night, when the Dragons beat the 'Hounds 1-0, the 'Hounds have now dropped two straight to Cameron. The team lost 2-1 on Monday afternoon in their home opener.

From the very beginning it looked like a defensive game. The first half was back and forth as both teams saw several shots knocked down by each team's respective goal keeper.

Maryville striker Clay Ferguson took several shots, but none were good enough to get past the Cameron goalkeeper.

At the end of the first half it was tied 0-0.

Cameron came out strong in the second half, keeping the ball on Maryville's side of the field. Midway through the second half, Cameron striker Andrew Roberts headed in an in-bounds throw from John Acharya-Galther for the game's first goal.

Shortly afterward, Cameron struck again as Johnathan Daniel kicked in a goal off a fast break, making it 2-0 Cameron.

Maryville finally scored late in the

game when Victor Muro struck from the corner. It was too little, too late, however, as time expired, leaving the Hounds behind 2-1.

"It just seemed like we were always a step behind," Coach Stuart Collins said.

Maryville came up just short on several goal shots.

"That 6'7" goalkeeper is awfully good," Collins said. "At the half I told my players to keep their shots on the ground and try to make him go side to side."

Maryville now goes to 1-9 on the season. The 'Hounds play again at home this Friday against Platte County, and the following Tuesday at home against Smithville.

Play at the Plate



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David Ford of E-5 holds on to the ball on a force-out play during the fourth inning of an intramural softball game between E-5 and the Thundering Herd.

Volleyball takes Hornets to three games in home loss

By MEGAN CRAWFORD
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhounds volleyball team took the Chillicothe Hornets to three games Tuesday, but ended the night with a loss.

Both teams came out playing slowly and it wasn't until the second game that the momentum of both teams picked up.

The first match showed many mistakes by the 'Hounds. Amid communication errors, the team had trouble getting to the ball. However, the trouble was countered by a strong serving game.

A few well-placed hits and tips at the net kept the 'Hounds within a couple of points of the Hornets. Maryville dropped game one 22-25.

The second game started out at a faster pace and Maryville stayed in the lead for the entire second match. Double blockers, hitting, and several aces carried Maryville through the second match and into the third. The final score for the second match was 25-19.

"In the last game, serves killed us,"

Coach Heather Stoecklein said. "game that goes to three matches, cannot make five service errors in game and expect to win, you just can't."

The third game started out a lot like the first match and both teams struggled to lag. Maryville was never able to take the lead in the third match and service errors cost the 'Hounds the game. Communication errors brought down the 'Hounds in the match.

High school volleyball now is rally scoring, meaning every time team makes a mistake the other team automatically gets another point. It also had an effect on Maryville's come.

"Every time we miss a serve, we give the other team points," Stoecklein said. "When we miss a serve, we handed them five points."

Last season when the 'Hounds took the Hornets, they defeated Chillicothe 3-0. Stoecklein hopes to repeat history. "When we face Chillicothe again next week, we will be ready for the Stoecklein said."

The Maryville high school volleyball team travels to Cameron Thursday.

Freshman leads way for Maryville runners

By AARON NELSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

For the cross country teams of Maryville High School, the number of runners may be low, but the teams' spirits are high.

That is due in no small part to Head Coach Paul Snow's philosophy on coaching.

"Our main goal is just to have fun," he said.

His relaxed attitude and casual demeanor have yielded results that he and his team are pleased with.

"I've been really pleased and really happy with the results we've had

in our races, and the kids have too," Snow said.

Those positive results include 45th and 65th place finishes for senior Katie Sudhoff and freshman Ashley Ellison out of a field of 85 at the Red Oak, Iowa meet, as well as fourth and 15th place finishes for freshman Dawson Vorderbruegge and Sudhoff in Tuesday's Benton Invite.

"It was a tough course and all our runners ran a great race," Snow said.

"I was very impressed with Dawson and Katie's times, they have been progressing each week, and are right on schedule to have a strong second

half of the season."

Quality finishes require hours of training, but the strategy for success remains simple.

"Our goal every meet is to drop our times," Snow said.

Unfortunately, the eight cross country runners of this year's squads may be some of the last to come out of Maryville High School. A dwindling number of runners and dollars in the school district's budget have forced them to take a look at dropping the program. This year's men's squad has only one member, in Vorderbruegge, but for Snow, coaching has a lot to do with keeping the

Missouri High School Football Rankings

CLASS 3:	CLASS 2:	CLASS 1:	CLASS 4:
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2. Herculaneum 3-0	2. Jeff City-Blair 3-0	2. Pierce City 3-0	2. Buchanan 3-0
3. Harrisonville 2-1	3. California 3-0	3. Tipton 3-0	3. Lockwood 3-0
4. Salem 3-0	4. Montgomery County 3-0	4. Salisbury 3-0	4. Perryville 3-0
5. Carl Junction 3-0	5. Trenton 3-0	5. Weston-West 3-0	5. Vincent 2-1
6. Odessa 3-0	6. KC Hogan Prep 3-0	6. Platt 2-1	6. Santa Fe 2-1
7. Bolivar 3-0	7. Springfield Catho- 3-0		7. Marcelline 2-1
8. Cassville 3-0			8. Classes 4, 5 not included
9. Chillicothe 2-1			
10. Platte County 2-1			

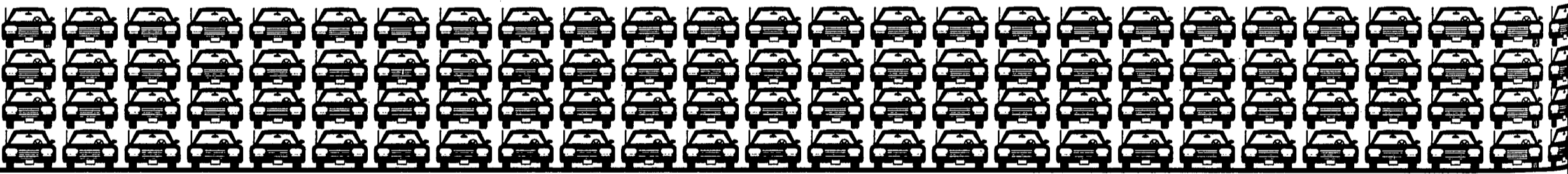
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C. gets 7-6 win in Tampa

PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — In the 10th inning and the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-6 Wednesday.

Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella ejected in the second by plate for Mike Winters for arguing with umpires. After being tossed, Piniella came out of the dugout, briefly with Winters, and then headed to kick dirt three times on the plate.

Piniella has been ejected twice in his career and 56 times as a manager. He has been thrown out 70 times overall during his major league career.

David DeJesus homered and drove in three runs for the Royals. Tampa Bay's Matt Diaz hit his first home run in the game.

Calvin Pickering opened the 10th inning with a double off Jorge Sosa (4-6) and then-runner Wilton Guerrero went home on Desi Relaford's sacrifice

bunt. After Dee Brown was hit by a pitch, Guerrero scored on Gotay's grounder to short.

Mike MacDougal (1-1) worked a scoreless ninth. Jeremy Affeldt pitched the 10th for his 13th save in 16 opportunities.

Kansas City starter Darrell May didn't figure in the decision and remains one loss away from tying Paul Splittorf's team record of 19 set in 1974. May, who is 9-18, gave up five runs and eight hits over six innings. He is winless in seven starts, including six losses.

The announced crowd at Tropicana Field was 8,392. The actual turnout appeared to be between 1,000 and 2,000.

The start time Wednesday was moved up from 7:15 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. because the Devil Rays will travel to New York to make up a postponed date Thursday at Yankee Stadium. Tampa Bay will then return home to open a three-game series Friday with Toronto.



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Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella argues a call during the seventh inning of the Royals-Devil Rays game on Thursday. The Royals won 7-6.

Setting the Standard

MARYVILLE COACHES
STRESS DEFENSE AS A
KEY TO SUCCESSFUL
SEASON FOR SQUAD

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Maryville High School football coach Paul Miller knows what can get the Spoofhounds to the top.

"I'm a firm believer that defense wins championships," Miller said. "I don't think you're going to go out there and just outscore everybody to win a state championship. You've got to have a solid defense, you've got to be able to stop people."

For the most part, the Maryville defense has been the shining spotlight for the team. In two games they have forced five turnovers and have only allowed 8.5 points per game. Though there are many playmakers on the team, Miller thinks that the defense as a whole, not a particular unit, has stepped up.

"I think obviously we've got some good defensive line play. I think our linebackers are still a large part of our defensive strength," Miller said. "We've got a lot of experience there, we've got some guys that have played very, very well."

Linebackers and captains Myles Burnside and Evan Wilmes have led the charge on that side of the ball with 29 tackles between the two in the last game. Wilmes had two tackles for losses of yards.

However, the two linebackers gave the defensive line credit to why they have done so well so far.

"I think their drive is what drives the defense," Wilmes said. "If you don't have a defensive line you're not going to make tackles."



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Maryville Spoofhounds defensive line has been a key element to the 'Hounds 1-1 start, allowing only 8.5 points per game.

Senior captain and defensive end Keith Starr is one of the linemen that have turned heads for the 'Hounds. He has already intercepted a pass and recovered two fumbles. Starr believes that the line's good relationship is one of the reasons the team has been successful.

"We know what each other is going to do and our habits," Starr said. "We all know that we can make a play at any minute."

Miller admits that he didn't at-

tack as much in his previous coaching positions but thinks that he is liking it more because of defensive coordinator Brian Lohfer and the way it has developed over the years.

"I've never necessarily been a real blitz guy," Miller said. "I've seen the advantages and benefits of really pressuring people. I think you see that at every level. College level, pro level, the high school level. I just think right now defenses, by and large, are more attack-oriented."

Warfield to start for KC matchup with Texans

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—All-Pro running back is wearing an ankle brace and their best defense back just got arrested.

That's the latest from the Kansas City Chiefs, a team that opened the year 0-2 by mistakes, dropping passes and doing nothing like the savvy collection of skilled veterans — fresh from a 13-3 campaign — that many expected would end their season in the Super Bowl.

There'll be some teams 2-0 that would and there will be some teams 0-2 come on strong," coach Vermeil said Tuesday. "These have been through adversity."

The latest dose of bad news came Monday morning when cornerback Eric Warfield, a few days after intercepting two passes and turning one for a touchdown,

was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Johnson County, Kan., District Attorney Paul Morrison said he intends to file charges against Warfield. It would be the third time Warfield faced such a charge in the past three years. Under Kansas law, a third drunken driving charge is a felony that comes with a sentence of up to a year in jail.

Morrison, who said the case could easily end up being delayed until after the season, said professional athletes can expect no special leniency.

"We try to treat them like we would any other person," he said. "They sure don't get any special treatment."

Warfield could also be subject to a league suspension as a repeat violator. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Commissioner Paul Tagliabue would decide on any punishment, but not until the criminal case is fully adjudicated.

CONTINUED From B1

'Hounds face Pintos in rare day game

by making stupid mistakes."

California was a class 3A school up until last year, when they moved to class 2A. The 'Hounds spent the first part of this week watching game tape.

"California won't beat themselves," Miller said. "For the most part they are a mistake-free football team."

This year's strength for the 'Hounds has been their defense, which only allowed one touchdown in the game against Chillicothe.

"Our defense has kept us going so far," senior Josh Wilmes said. "The offense is coming around, and we would like to balance out our running and passing games, but we have to work with what the defense gives us."

Six of the 'Hounds' nine opponents are ranked, indicating that things will not get any easier as the season goes on.

"We are taking this season one step at a time," Miller said.

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Stroller confronts police cameras

As you exited your favorite drinking establishment on Saturday, you may have been surprised to see Maryville Public Safety outside with three police officers videotaping the crowd. Like it or not, it will become common practice in the 'Ville. Long gone are the days where 18-year-olds could drink in the street or fights could erupt with little consequence. The cops of today are far more strict and won't hesitate to arrest anyone.

For as long as Your Man can remember, it has been a never-ending game between police and students. Students want to have fun and the police want their streets quiet and undisturbed. The police get stricter, so the students party inside. The police bust the party, so the students hide in the basement. Every year this cat and mouse routine continues, and this year it seems to have gotten worse.

Videotaping large crowds sounds like a good idea. Police can identify who investigates problems and have proof for the courts. My only fear is that if the cops are willing to do this, what else are they



THE STROLLER

willing to do? Maryville's police force is huge for the town's small size and students have become tired of their constant presence.

Police could take steps to be more pleasant when arriving at house parties. A simple noise complaint quickly leads to tickets and fines when police aren't in favorable moods. Granted, things like tickets wouldn't happen if students weren't doing anything wrong, but then hell would freeze over and women in white gloves would eat ketchup popsicles.

I normally try to take the side of the students, but I really can't this time. Students can be difficult and sometimes bratty with police. We do stupid things that can fringe on the border or what is legal and what is not.

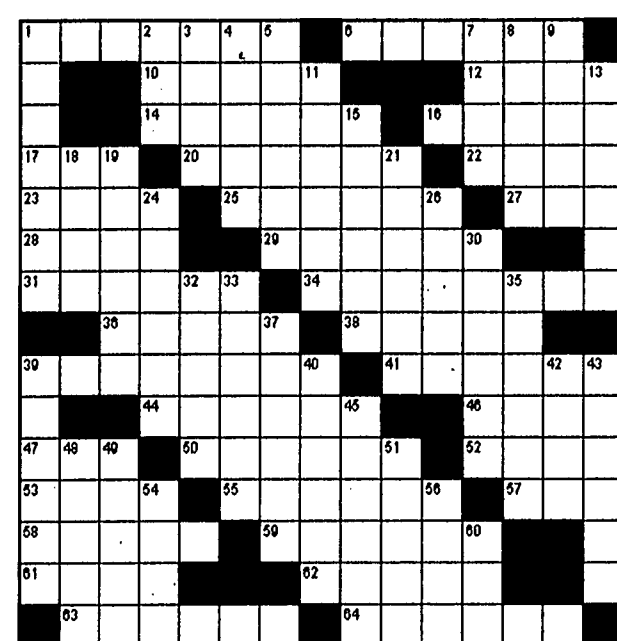
If police are standing on the side of the street recording the night's events, they'll be able to control the situation easier and catch people in the act of their own stupidity.

Lesson of the day: Don't do stupid stuff and you won't be bothered by police. Don't do really stupid stuff and you won't spend the night in jail. All too often police are seen as the enemies of students because they sometimes break up parties, but they also deal with the dumbasses no one else wants to deal with.

No one ever gives them credit for that. So drink your beer, flirt and don't worry about it. Play your cards right and you'll go home with someone who isn't Officer Notsofriendly.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Energetic
6. Unfledged pigeons
10. Section of a wall
12. Bread rolls
14. Pertaining to tannin
16. Ring used in the game of quoits
17. Tree
20. Plural of Mister
22. Class
23. Upper covering of a house
25. Souvenirs
27. Attach by

Down

28. Tribute
29. Continue
31. Not rough
34. Prevented from speaking
36. Wept
38. Flood
39. Founder of Islam
41. Scandinavian troglodytes
44. Having a lip or lips
46. Repast
47. Vase
50. City in E. Wisconsin
52. Former capital of Moravia

53. Fly
55. Language of Nepal
57. Yes
58. Sunrise
59. District
61. Engrave with acid
62. Nut-like
63. Lofty birds' nests
64. Fine

Down

1. Arid areas
2. Disposed
3. Madam
4. Interior
5. Vessel for burning incense
7. Adjoin
8. Floats

9. Long-billed sandpiper
11. Textiles
13. Boiled slowly
15. Turning point
18. Apparatus for weaving
19. God of the Ammonites and Phoenicians
21. Carve
24. Consisting of flowers
26. Sully
30. Bury
32. Shy
33. Made of hemp
35. Herb with aromatic leaf stalks eaten raw or cooked
37. Spruce
39. Sweet dessert
40. Make deeper
42. Alley
43. Inclined
45. Mention something unpleasant from the past
48. Path
49. Female name
51. Best of a group
54. Tributary of the Rhine
56. Very small quantity
60. New York City

See answers below

on the edge

Facts about cheating:

■ According to Gambler's Digest, more cheating takes place in private, friendly gambling games than in all other gambling games combined.

■ In New York's April 2000, Lawrence X. Cusi III was convicted of cheating in a game of \$7 million in 1990s with his claims of having letters written by John F. Kennedy.

■ An article entitled "The Game of Golf for Women," which ran in an 1894 issue of Ladies' Home Journal, contains this droll comment about the game: "A gallant gentleman will cheat a woman; a woman at all worthy of consideration will not cheat anyone at all."

■ The little-used word "cully" means to cheat, trick, or impose upon.

Useless knowledge

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Sept. 24 **Kenny Loggins**
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Oct. 1 **Pixies**
Uptown Theatre

Sept. 30 **Junior Brown**
Ameristar Hotel and Casino

Oct. 9 **Alan Jackson/Martina McBride**
Kemper Arena

Des Moines

Sept. 29 **Dazy Head Mazy**
Mickey's

Oct. 6 **Bonnie Raitt**
Civic Center

Oct. 1 **Gaither Homecoming**
Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Oct. 11 **Enon**
Vaudeville Mews

Omaha

Sept. 23 **Brad Paisley**
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